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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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October 5, 2000

Sir:

In the above-identified application, a copy of the original executed Declaration and Power of Attorney was submitted to the U.S.P.T.O. on July 13, 2000.

As evidence of authenticity of the copy under 37 C.F.R. § 1.4(d)(2), Applicant submits herewith the original executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, and requests that it be made part of the Prosecution History of the above-identified application by being added to the contents of the file wrapper of the above-identified application.

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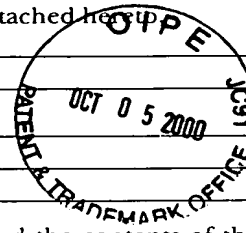
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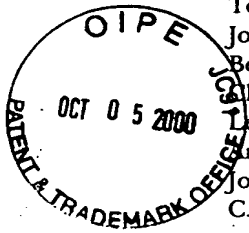
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